DEO) : (a) and (b). Import of newsprint has been decanalised by the Government with effect from 1-4-1992. However, there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government at present for total decontrol of newsprint.

(c) The recommendations of the Kelkar Committee have already been considered by the Government and most of them have been implemented.

(d) The Government had recently reviewed the import policy of newsprint and the latest policy was announced by the Ministry of Commerce on 1.4.1993 as a part of the EXIM Policy for the year 1993.94.

Completion of Doordarshan Project in Tamil Nadu

975. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what steps have so far been taken to complete the following projects by Doordarshan in Tamil Nadu;

(i) Studio at Madras for II Channel;

(ii) TV tower of HPT at Rameshwaram; and

(iii) Madurai 2x10 KW MW Tower by All India Radio/Doordarshan;

(b) what is the estimated cost of each project and how much amount has been spent till date; and

(c) whether it is a fact that these projects are not on schedule if so, what are the reasons for the delay and by when these are expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b). Every possible effort has been made to complete the projects. The present status of each of the projects is indicated below :—

Scheme	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Amount spent till June '93 (Rs. in lakhs)	Present Status
1	2	3	4
Studio at Madras for Second Channel	1457.11	950.17	Studio building has been completed and the equipments are being installed.
TV Tower of HPT at Rameshwaram	812.86 (Approval awaited)	340.02	The 300 M TV tower has already progressed upto 88 M and further construction of the tower is in progress.
Madurai 2X10 KW MW Tower by AIR/Doordarshan	194.88	93.44	This project is only for AIR. The civil work has started. Some equipment has been received. The remaining equipment is expected to be received shortly.

(c) All these projects are expected to be completed by 1994-95. The delay in the completion of Doordarshan projects was primarily due to unavoidable technical and administrative constraints. The AIR project at Madurai is progressing as scheduled.